



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

South Bend, IN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of South Bend was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in north-central Indiana near the Michigan border, South Bend (population 107,789), like many Midwestern cities, relied on a strong manufacturing sector from the late 19th to the late 20th Century. With the decline in the industrial sector, South Bend was left with many abandoned and underused properties. An inventory conducted by the city found 243 brownfields in its commercial corridors. These properties range in size from less than a quarter of an acre to 80 acres. Many are located along the city's commercial corridors and in low-income, minority neighborhoods. Thirty-four percent of city residents are minorities, and 16 percent live below the poverty level. Assessment will facilitate the cleanup



Assessment Grant



\$40,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of South Bend for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, with an emphasis on sites in the city's commercial corridors.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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and potential reuse of brownfields. Redevelopment will improve property values, increase the tax base, and generate job opportunities for neighborhood residents.